

TWO LIVES LOST AT A CHURCH FIRE

Firemen Buried Under Fall-
ing Timbers and Crushed
to Death.

They Didn't Obey the Order to
Leave Their Posts of
Duty.

Rescuers Tried to Find and Save
Them, but They Worked
in Vain.

FLAMES BURST OUT DURING THE MASS

Priest Quieted the Women Worshippers and
All Got Out Safely—Men
Fought the Fire
in Vain.

The bodies were recovered. The church was heated by steam, but the

Turnings were not used except on Sunday. During the week morning masses were celebrated in a small room set aside for that purpose and heated by a single stove. The sexton started a fire this morning, and it was burning briskly when Father P. J. Petri arrived at the church. He had donned his vestments and was conducting the mass when he heard a slight crackling sound and smelled smoke. Father Petri immediately dismissed the worshippers, but so dense had the smoke by this time become that they could hardly find their way out of the edifice.

An alarm was immediately sent in, but by the time the Fire Department reached the scene the church was a mass of flames.

When it was seen that the fire could not be subdued from the exterior, several firemen seized a line of hose and entered the door of the church.

They found flames ablaze and the smoke so suffocating. Realizing the peril in which he and his comrades had subjected themselves, Fireman Seraph Lill yelled: "Come on, boys, we can't do anything in here," and dropped to the floor and crawled to the door, guiding himself to safety by keeping his hand on the line of hose which he had been running in.

He was the last to get out, followed him-

Then some one said: "Where are Robert and Lenny? They went in with us." Several men dashed through the door to rescue them, but came back again, battling their way through the blinding smoke. A minute later the roof crashed in. Under

a mass of blackened debris the body of Doherty was found. He had been burned to a crisp almost, and only by the blackened clothing that remained on his body was he recognized. A short time later Eugene Collier, a truckman, found the remains of Lenny. The bodies were taken in charge by the coroner, and the remains of the two men were taken to the morgue.

The church had a seating capacity of 1,100, and was built in 1885. Its original cost, without the ground, was \$30,000, but more had been expended upon it since. The insurance amounts to \$12,500.

SAID CORPSE WAS TOO HEAVY
Bereaved Husband Resented the Imputation
on His Wife's Remains.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 2.—John Muldoon was before the City Court this morning charged with assault with intent to kill. Yesterday Muldoon declined to act as a

beater at the funeral of Mrs. Walter Jordan, because the corpse was too heavy. This brought on a fight last night between him and the bereaved husband, and Muldoon, who was getting the worst of it, drew a knife and cut Jordan badly. The latter was unable to appear in court today, but he will probably recover from his injuries.

Muldoon's case was continued under \$1,000 bonds.

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